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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant: Roger P. Jackson

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For: ANTERIOR EXPANDABLE SPINAL FUSION CAGE SYSTEM

Kansas City, Missouri

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2002 for two months, from October 25, 2002, to December 25, 2002.

Small Entity Status has been established and continues.

A check in the amount of \$200.00 for 2 months is included to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1253. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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